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1. REFTEL REQUESTS A BRIEF REPORT ON IDA'S DOLS 207.3 MILLION
CREDIT FOR POWER TRANSMISSION DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS IN INDIA AND
IDENTIFICATION
OF A POSSIBLE ENGINEERING CONSULTANT.

2. STATE ELECTRICITY BOARDS (SEBS) OF BIHAR, GUJARAT, MAHA-
RASHTRA AND WEST BENGAL, AND THE EASTERN AND WESTERN REGIONAL
ELECTRICITY BOARDS (REBS) WILL BE THE DIRECT
BENEFICIARIES OF THIS LOAN. ADDRESSES OF SEBS AND REBS ARE AS
FOLLOWS:

BIHAR STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD
PATNA, BIHAR.

GUJARAT STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD
VIDYUT BHAVAN
BARODA, GUJARAT

MAHARASHTRA STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD
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MERCANTILE BANK BUILDING

MAHATMA GANDHI ROAD
BOMBAY, MAHARASHTRA

WEST BENGAL STATE ELECTRICITY BOARD
48/1 DIAMOND HARBOR ROAD
CALCUTTA 700027, WEST BENGAL

EASTERN REGIONAL ELECTRICITY BOARD
INDUSTRY HOUSE
10 CAMAC STREET
CALCUTTA 700017

WESTERN REGIONAL ELECTRICITY BOARD
MADHU INDUSTRIAL ESTATE
EAST WING, 4TH FLOOR
P BUDHA KAR MARG
WORLI, BOMBAY 400013

3. CENTRAL ELECTRICITY AUTHORITY (CEA) IS A TECHNICAL AGENCY OF THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIVE CONTROL OF THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY. TRANSMISSION DESIGN DIRECTORATE OF CEA IS CHARGED WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY TO DRAFT AND FORMULATE SPECIFICATIONS AND OTHER TECHNICAL DETAILS FOR COMPLETE LINES OF POWER TRANSMISSION EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS. THEREFORE, THE GOI DOES NOT REPEAT NOT HIRE SERVICES OF A PRIVATE ENGINEERING CONSULTANT.

4. R.L. KHANNA, DIRECTOR, TRANSMISSION DESIGN DIRECTORATE, CEA, WEST BLOCK 2, R.K. PURAM, NEW DELHI 110022, INFORMED AN EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE THAT THE GOI HAS ALREADY FORWARDED TO THE IBRD THE SPECIFICATIONS OF THE EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS PROPOSED TO BE PURCHASED AGAINST THIS CREDIT. CEA EXPECTS IBRD TO RETURN THE SPECIFICATIONS BY MAY 15, 1976. WITHIN ONE MONTH THEREAFTER, CEA WILL PUBLISH TENDER DOCUMENTS, IN OTHER WORDS, EACH BENEFICIARY SEB AND REB WILL INVITE BIDS ON OR ABOUT JUNE 15 COVERING ITS REQUIREMENTS BASED ON THE FORMAT AND CONDITIONS PRESCRIBED BY THE IDA.

5. WHILE MOST OF THE EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS REQUIRED
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AGAINST THE CREDIT IS PRODUCED IN INDIA, IT IS DIFFICULT TO ESTIMATE THE PROPORTION OF BIDS WHICH MIGHT BE AWARDED TO INDIAN MANUFACTURERS. KHANNA STATED, HOWEVER, THAT RIGID AND EARLY DELIVERY SCHEDULES, TECHNICAL/COMMERCIAL (INCLUDING PRICE COMPETITIVENESS) SUITABILITY OF THE BIDS WILL DETERMINE THE ATTRACTIVENESS OF FOREIGN OFFERS.

6. KHANNA COULD NOT PROVIDE A LISTING OF THE SPECIFIC IMPORTED

EQUIPMENT NEEDS OF SEBS AND REBS. BASED ON PAST
EXPERIENCE, HOWEVER, HE INDICATED THAT THE FOLLOWING EQUIPMENT
AND MATERIALS OFFER GOOD POSSIBILITIES FOR EXPORT BY
AMERICAN SUPPLIERS:

SYNCHRONOUS CONDENSERS; HIGH STRENGTH INSULATORS;
POWER CABLE (132 KV AND ABOVE); SHUNT CAPACITORS
AND PLCC EQUIPMENT.

7. AMCONSULS BOMBAY AND CALCUTTA IN WHOSE CONSULAR
DISTRICTS THESE OPPORTUNITIES FALL ARE REQUESTED TO OBTAIN
TENDER DOCUMENTS AS SOON AS THEY BECOME AVAILABLE FROM THE
RESPECTIVE SEBS AND REBS, AND REPORT THEM TO USDOC.
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